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Group Art Unit 3736 : PATENT APPLICATION

In re application of : METHOD AND APPARATUS  
MARLIN STEPHEN HEILMAN et al. : FOR ATTACHING A CONDUIT  
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Sir:

Please find enclosed eleven (11) sheets of formal drawing figures, containing Figures 1 through 13, which correspond to the informal drawings filed in the application. Please substitute the enclosed formal drawing figures for the originally filed informal drawing figures.

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